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SUBJECT.

Complaint of trespass and defilement of the Sri Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy Temple in the Fort Bangalore city.

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OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT.

Complaint of trespass and defilement of the Sri Basavana Venkataramanaswami temple in the Fort, Bangalore city

From

The Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District.

Letter No. 24, Dated 20th September 1905.

Messrs Mandi Venkataramanappa and Varadacharya, Dharmadarsis of the Sri Basavana Venkataramanaswami temple in Bangalore Fort petitioned to this office on the 1st January 1905, complaining that on the evening of the previous day, Mr. Santappa of the I. G. of Police Office and another Native Christian, in company with 9 European missionaries entered the Maha-dwara of the said temple with their boots on, some got on the pedestal of the Dhwajasthamba and the others went even so far as the

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Garbhagudi and would not in spite of remonstrances, leave the temple. It was further stated that the said Venkataramanappa went to the Taluk Cutcherry close by and finding neither the Amildar nor the Sheristadar there, brought the Police Jamedar Subba Rao and that although the latter demanded of Mr Santappa the names of the missionaries who had accompanied him, he did not mention them and went away. They Dharmadarsi then seem to have gone to the Police Station and reported the occurrence. But the Police could not find out who the trespassers were, even for at sight of them, the carriages in which Mr. Santappa and the 9 others were seated drove off fast and vanished from their view. The petitioners prayed that the matter might be investigated and steps taken to bring the offenders to justice and also to have the Samprokshane performed in the temple, without which purificatory ceremony, no puja could be duly performed. The petition was forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District for report

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In the meantime, the Police to whom the complaint was made, after questioning Mr. Santappa in the matter, charged him before the City Magistrate of Bangalore (Mr. C. S Balasundaram Iyer) with the offence of trespassing into a Hindu temple and defiling it under Section 295 of the I. P C. The Magistrate examined 6 witnesses on the Prosecution side It may perhaps be interesting here to note that during the trial, the 1st Prosecution witness Mr. Venkataramanappa deposed that the accused Santappa had given him Rs 45/- towards the cost of the purificatory ceremony, but that he said that that amount was not enough and that Rs 300/- were required therefor. As regards this point however, the Magistrate has recorded on the margin of the deposition that Mr. Hoover, Advocate for the defence, objected to the admission of

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this answer as evidence being ~~[illegible]~~ overtures of peace in a criminal case, but that he (the Magistrate) himself did not concur with him. The accused, during his examination, merely filed a ~~[illegible]~~ written statement alleging that he had taken some of the Y.M.C.A. European delegates who had come from all parts of India and Burma to attend the National Convention ~~at Bangalore~~ which took place at Bangalore on the 31st December 1914, to see the Old Palace by the Albert Victor Road, that he never set his foot within the temple premises, but that the complaint against him was due to his omission to give out the names of the delegates who accompanied him and also due to the ill-feeling which the Police Chief Constable bore to him. 8 witnesses cited by the defence were examined, and the evidence of the two European missionaries, Messrs Hunter and Grim examined on commission at Allahabad

was obtained and filed These two latter affirmed confirming the statement of the accused that they were not taken into the temple at all, but were merely taken out ~~across~~ to the old Palace within the Fort, that they entered the Palace grounds by the gate in the north opening into the Albert Victor Road and left the same by the gate on the east close to the southern wall of the temple. The rest of the defence witnesses deposed to a similar effect.

The Magistrate, after hearing all that was said in the matter on either side, went on to say:-

"Of the prosecution witnesses who "assert that accused was inside the temple, "1st Prosecution witness Venkatanamanappa "is a trader and a fairly respectable person, "the 2nd Prosecution witness Venkatanamana "is a petty servant, the 3rd Kuppamma is

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"a petty stall keeper selling ground nuts &c
"4 Prosecution witness is a retired Shekdar
"and the 6th Prosecution witness is a cook."

"On the side of the defence, the two
"witnesses examined on commission are
"highly educated men and in holy orders.
"The others 2, 3, and 4 Defence witnesses
"are of a status similar to Prosecution
"witnesses 2, 3 and 6."

"Between these two sets of witnesses,
"the balance of credibility is in favor of
"the latter, and at any rate in the face of
"the defence evidence, I am not prepared
"to implicitly believe the main part of
"the prosecution story. I therefore find
"the accused not guilty of the offence
"charged, viz one punishable under Sec 297
"of I.P.C.". The Magistrate accordingly
acquitted the accused and directed that
he should be set at liberty.

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The Deputy Commissioner reported this result of the trial for the information of Govt.; but the whole records of enquiry connected with the case were called for. They are now ~~sent~~ received, and submitted for orders.

It is not understood from the records whether the requisite Samprokshane ceremony was duly gone through and puja revived in the temple.

~~Submitted~~ It is however ascertained that puja is going on now

submitted

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The case having been tried by the Magistrate at great length and having ended in the acquittal of the accused, it does not appear that anything need be done now.

The Petrs may be informed that nothing further can be done in the matter.

Chandra Sambasa
11/12/05

Subd to the Dewan through the 2d [illegible]

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No further action is called for as the Puja, it is requested, is being performed as usual.

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Archaka Sankappa has found 45 Rs it is a good comment upon the remedy tried. No further action however needed

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From S C 2

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

Dated 30th
Despatched } January 1905.
Received

General No. 2735
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No. one

Has the honour to forward herewith petition Registered No. 19/2624, dated 31st December 1904 received from the K. Venkatramanaiah and other Dharmadarsis of the Sri Prasanna Venkataramana Swamy temple, Fort, Bangalore.

2. The petitioners allege that one Ananthappa, clerk of the Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

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entered the temple with some native
xians and Eurasians and ~~Europeans~~ climbed upon
The Bali Pitha ~~with boots on~~ and other sacred
places ~~with boots on~~ and thereby rendered purification
ceremonies necessary and pray~~ed~~
Therefore that the cost of such purification
may be recovered from them and paid
to them for carrying out the needful
ceremonies.

3. The Deputy Commissioner is
requested to hold a thorough enquiry
~~into the matter~~ and report to Government
on all the allegations of the petitioners
together with his opinion in the matter.

By Order,

27/1/05

Secretary,
Surgeon Department

No: 2736
30/1/05
End to the Letter

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To The Secy to the Govt of Mysore
Mucy: Deptt

Dated 11th August 1905

Despatched

Received.

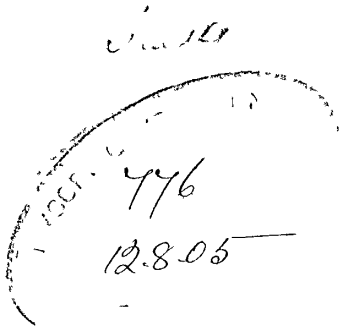
General No.

M.S. No. 13

Enclosure No. one file

Mucy: Secy's No: 2735 of
30th January 1905.

Reports with records on the petn of K. Venkatramiah Dharmadarsee of the Sri Prasanna Venkataramana-swami temple in the Bangalore fort complaining that some christians & Europeans entered the said temple &c.



Submitted

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Ask the Dy Comr to obtain and submit for perusal by Govt the records of the Criml case before the City Magistrate in which the accused is said to have been acquitted

Keep the Police Records now read

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Draft Submitted
26/8/05.

angalore District.
Deputy Commissioner's Office
Bangalore 10th August 1905.

M.S. No. 13
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From,

D. Devaraj Urs Esq:
Dy. Commissioner
Bangalore District

To,

L. Anantasamu Rao Esq B.A.
Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
Muzrai Department.

Sir,

With reference to your docket-
No. 2735 dated 30th January 1905, for-
warding for report petition from
K. Venkataramaniah, Dharmadarse
of the Sri Prasanna Venkataram-
anaswami temple in the Bangalore
Fort, complaining that some Christians
and Europeans entered the said
temple &c., I have the honor to
forward correspondence ending
with Police Superintendent's Yadi
No. 537 dated 5th June 1905, from
which it will be seen that
some

Some Europeans entered the temple, but their names were not ascertainable and the native Christian Syanthappa states that he does not know their names. The Police had charged Santappa for the offence before the City Magistrates' Court and the case has ended in the acquittal of the accused. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that nothing can be done in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

D Devanna.
By Commissioner.
Bangalore District.

Inl.

as per Secretary's order

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From The Secretary
Mug Dept

To The Dy Commr
Bangalore Dt

Dated 29th August 190

Despatched

Received

General No. 1134

Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No.

Adverting to his letter
no. 13/176 of 11th August 1905 re
the complaint that some
christians and Europeans
entered the Sri Prasanna
Venkataramana Swamy temple
in the Bangalore Fort, has
the honr to request that the
Dy. Commr. will be so good
enough to obtain and submit
for perusal by Govt the record
of the criml. case before the

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city Magistrate in which the accused is said to have been acquitted.

2. The Police Records receive with ~~under cover of~~ the letter under reply are retained in this office.

By order
Draft
Secretary.

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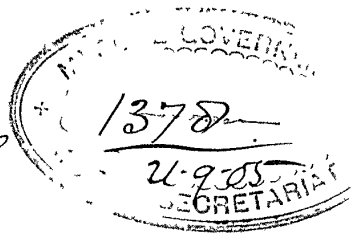

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From
The Dy. Commissioner
Bangalore Distt.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of Mysore
& Municipal Deptt.

Dated 20.
Despatched September 1905.
Received
General No.
M. S No. 24
Enclosure No. 1 file

His docket No. 1134 Gk
29. 8. 05

Forwards the record
in C. C. 473 of 1904/5
on the file of the City
Magistrate Bangalore
re the complaint that
some Christians entered
the Sri Prasanna Venkata
ramanaswami temple
in the Bangalore Fort.

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Bangalore District
Deputy Commrs Office
Bangalore 20th Sept/05

From

D. Devaraj Urs Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To

L. Anantasami Rau Esq
Secretary to the Government
of Mysore.
Muzrai Department.

Sir.

With reference to your Docket No 1134 dated 29th August 1905; I have the honor to forward herewith the records of Criminal Case No 473 of 1904-05 on the file of the City Magistrate, re the Complaint that some Christians & Europeans encroached the Sri Prasanna Venkata Ramana Swami temple in the Bangalore Fort.

I have the honor &c,
Sir,
Your most obdt Servant,

D Devaraj
Deputy Commissioner
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From

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Dt

Dated

Despatched 2. 1. 06

Received

General No. 2815

Muzrai F. No. C. 05

Enclosure No. 2 files.

Forwarded herewith the records in connection with C. C. No 473 of 1905-06 on the file of the City Magistrate Bangalore regarding the complaint that certain Christians entered the Sri Prasanna Venkatramanaswamy temple in Bangalore Fort which was received with the Deputy Commissioner's letter No 24 Dy 20th Sept 1905.

No further action in the case is required.

K. D.
25/12/05
Legislative Dept

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